Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—So, the Municipality is responsible for this?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Partly.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(3) Are schools opposed to buses?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I don't understand the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that when there are schools on the road side buses cannot pass?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It does not follow. There are other reasons. When the roads are narrow and when there are schools dangers are likely.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The dust nuisance. Is not sprinkling water a remedy?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.— No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the reasons?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It will last only for a couple of minutes and dust comes up again.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—You will have to sprinkle again (laughter). What is the proof that no inconvenience has been felt?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—There has been no complaint. The terminus of the buses is inside the town. If people want a conveyance from the jetty there is a lot of rickshaws.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether the Diwan has received any petition about the inconvenience of the bus traffic?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Notice, please.

Period of appointment—Present Diwan.

131. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the period for which Mr. C. G. Herbert is appointed Diwan in the State;

(2) (a) whether he has been invested with any more powers than are usually given to the Diwans and (b) if so what are they and by whom were they given?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(1) Three years.

(2) (a) No.

(b) In view of the answer to (a) the question does not arise.

Director of Public Instruction—visit to Madras.

132. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(1) whether the Director of Public Instruction visited Madras after the last Budget Session;

(2) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, whether they will be pleased to state the number and objects of such visit or visits?

Mr. I. N. Menon.— 1. Yes.

2. Thrice.

(1) 5th Chingam 1107. To attend a meeting of the Board of Paper Setters of the Madras University.

(2) 27th Chingam 1107. In response to a telegram from the Diwan to see the University authorities with a view to arrive at some settlement of the controversy regarding excess admission.

(3) 12th Kanni 1107. In response to telegram from the Vice Chancellor to see him to discuss the excess admission in the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam.

Ramavarmapuram site and buildings.

133. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether it is a fact that they are receiving applications from missionaries or other bodies for giving them the Ramavarmapuram site and buildings;

(2) if the answer is in the affirmative, their names and the terms which they have offered;

(3) what they propose to do with the site and buildings at Ramavarmapuram in the event of their giving up of the College Scheme there?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) No,

(2) No answer required in view of the answer to 1.

(3) The question is under consideration.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know whether there are any suggestions before the Government to utilise the site?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The proposal is to utilise the buildings at Ramavarmapuram for a Teachers' College and a Model School attached to it.

Failure of crops in Kaipattur Puncha.

134 Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the failure of crops in the above Puncha lands;

(b) whether the Government has resolved upon any remedial measures, and if so, what;

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